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1. I MET WITH BISENGIMANA DECEMBER 17. HE GAVE ME A STATUS REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE IMF STABILIZATION PROGRAM, CONFIRMING WHAT WE LEARNED FROM DINI IN WASHINGTON: BOTH THE FUND AND THE GOZ HAVE DECIDED TO FINISH OFF THE REMAINING PAPERWORK BEFORE THE IMF RETURNS TO ZAIRE -- NOW RESCHEDULED FOR EARLY JANUARY. THEN, THE STABILIZATION PROGRAM CAN BE PUT INTO EFFECT WITHOUT ADO.

2. BISENGIMANA WAS ALSO QUITE PLEASED WITH THE INTERNAL PROGRESS OF THE GOZ STABILIZATION COMMITTEE. HE SAID THAT MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD EVERY DAY OVER THE PAST WEEK AND THAT KEY DECISIONS WERE READY FOR MOBUTU'S SIGNATURE. MOBUTU RETURNED TO KINSHASA DECEMBER 17 AND BISENGIMANA EXPECTS THE PRESIDENT TO GIVE THE COMMITTEE "CARTE BLANCHE". WE DOUBT THAT MOBUTU WILL EVER GIVE ANYONE OR ANY GROUP A COMPLETELY
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FREE HAND, BUT WE REMAIN CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL GO

ALONG WITH THE REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS. IN THIS REGARD,
BISENGIMANA SAID THAT MOBUTU'S RECENT TRIP THROUGH
THE HINTERLAND HAD CONVINCED HIM OF THE NEED FOR
CHANGE IN THE PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, FOR REFORM
IN THE VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL OFFICES - LIKE THE
NATIONAL COFFEE OFFICE - AND IN GENERAL FOR URGENT
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